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Applicants: Robert R. HUNTER Docket No.: TREND-00102
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For: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR READING AND CONTROLLING UTILITY CONSUMPTION**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

Via FAX (703) 872-9306 (9 Page Response with 2 Page Attachment, total 11 Pages)

AMENDMENT

With respect to the Response mailed on May 11, 2005 by Dechert, LLP on this subject application, it is respectfully requested that the United States Patent and Trademark Office allow this supplemental reply under Patent Rule 1.111(a)(2). This supplemental response is deemed necessary as counsel was dismissed and has since filed a Request to Withdraw as Attorneys on May 18. A copy of the Request to Withdraw is attached to this Response.

This supplemental response will replace the filing made by previous counsel in its entirety. I ask that you please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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